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For the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council year I participated in the Plano Teen Court program. This program deals with underage teenagers who have committed class "C" misdemeanor, whether it is a traffic violation, disturbance of class, assault, or possession of drug paraphernalia. To be able to participate in the role that I am honored enough to have been able to land, that is, the role of one of the most loved (or the most ill despised) people in the court room (chiefly, rotating between the prosecuting and defense attorney positions), I had to undergo a training session. The training was aimed at making me acquainted with the more simple aspects of the judicial system, with the proper way to carry myself in a court of law, and with oratory skills necessary for proper presentation of the circumstances. As a Teen Attorney I defended/prosecuted the defendants, in order to give them a punishment, consisting of simple court fees and community service. This community service, with specialized hour ranged being given for each offense. A panel of peers, teenagers who have volunteered their time to admonish a punishment that they feel is fair to the miscreants.

—Anna Shapovalova

HONORING RALPH M. BARUCH

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ralph M. Baruch, who will receive the WNET Distinguished Service Award, and to honor his pivotal role in American broadcast media.

Ralph Baruch has led a truly remarkable life. Born in Frankfurt, Germany, he fled as a young child from Nazi Germany to Paris. He again sought exile from France during the war and on a three-month journey through France he heroically transported his grandmother over the Pyrenees Mountains.

From an early age, Ralph understood the vital power of the free media to ensure a just and fair world. Following his immigration to the United States in 1940, Mr. Baruch began his long and distinguished career in communications in radio then joined the DuMont Television Network in 1950. As television became

a force in the American lifestyle, he began a long stint at CBS in 1954, then co-founded Viacom International Inc. and served as President and CEO from 1971 to 1983. During his tenure, he played a role in establishing or acquiring some of the most popular cable networks in the nation including Lifetime, MTV, Nickelodeon, The Movie Channel, and VH-1.

Events during Ralph's formative years were perhaps the most poignant in history in demonstrating the influence of media and the suppression of information on society. Perhaps that is why he sought to ensure an open government and freedom of the press throughout his career, including by co-founding C-SPAN. He believed strongly in the public's right to a real-time connection to our government's proceedings and in the responsibility of our citizens to actively participate in our government. C-SPAN has grown to provide unprecedented unedited coverage of government events throughout the nation as well as cultural and educational opportunities, like literary discussions and materials for teachers and students.

Mr. Baruch has already been honored with numerous awards for his leadership including an induction into the Cable Hall of Fame in 2006, cable television industry's highest honor, the Vanguard Award, their Chairman of the Year Award, and the International Radio & Television Society's Gold Medal.

Mr. Baruch has also donated his time to a number of important positions in his community to support public television and to promote the history of broadcast media. He served as vice chairman of Carnegie Hall, a Trustee of the Museum of Television and Radio, and a member of the New York City Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission under former Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. He currently serves on the board of Thirteen and as a Trustee of Lenox Hill Hospital.

Mr. Baruch has balanced his distinguished career and philanthropic work with an equally impressive family life. He and his wife Jean have four daughters, Eve Baruch, Renee Baruch, Alice Baruch, M.D., and Michele Baruch Jeffery. Mr. Baruch is the author of an autobiography, *Television Tightrope—How I Escaped Hitler, Survived CBS and Fathered Viacom*, published in April 2007.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a national broadcast media icon, Mr. Ralph Baruch.

HONORING CAPTAIN BRIAN RINGER

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an important member of Indiana's Morgan County Sheriff's Department.

Captain Brian Ringer served the Morgan County Sheriff's Department with distinction, integrity, and dedication. He consistently demonstrated the highest standards of outstanding leadership and public service.

Captain Ringer has been a trusted member of the Morgan County Sheriff's Department for over 29 years and has played a central role in securing and protecting the citizens of Morgan County. He left the Department on January 20

of this year to begin work as a fulltime instructor with the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and will continue his dedication to public service.

I am proud to honor Captain Brian Ringer in recognition of his accomplishments, exemplary leadership, and outstanding contributions to the Morgan County Sheriff's Department.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010–2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—CAITLYN WOOLUM

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

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This year on CYAC we were required to have five hours of community service. Being a busy senior with a huge to do list, I wrote this off as yet another project and essay I was required to complete. Little did I know that I would be so impacted by my volunteering for CYAC. It started with me helping clean up the trash and mess at my school. Gross as it was, we made a difference at